GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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STREET CHILDREN AFFECTED BY HIV/AIDS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the abnormal rise in the sexual abuse of street children is causing increase in the HIV/AIDS among them in the coastal areas of the country;

(b) if so, whether the Government have conducted any survey to find out the number of street children affected by the HIV/AIDS in these areas;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to check sexual abuse of the street children?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the Lok Sabha.

(a)to(d):
There has been no such study conducted regarding the sexual abuse of street children in the coastal areas of the country which may be causing an increase in the HIV/AIDS among themIn 1996, National AIDS Control Organisation had conducted the high risk behaviour study which gives some evidence of sexual exploitation of street children in the country as a whole, especially in the urban areas, which makes them vulnerable to STDs and HIV.

The Department of Women and Child Development have drawn up a comprehensive Plan of Action to combat trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Women and Children.In addition, provisions already exist in different Acts, such as Juvenile Justice Act, 1986 to check child abuse.